CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2018

Meeting Location: Cherokee County Conference Center at The Bluffs

Board Members:

Stephen Divine, MemberAbsentPhil Dodge, Vice-ChairPresentNatalie Green, MemberAbsentGil Howard, MemberPresent

Larry Mrozinski, Member Gaylen Roberts, Chair Pat Wilder, Member

Present Present Absent

Others Present:

Phillip Beggs, CCBoE Attorney of Record Laura Shoop, CCBoE Secretary

• Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2018

Member Mrozinski made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Vice-Chair Dodge. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints

Chair Roberts opened floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Floor closed for ethics complaints.

Discussion – Member Divine's Candidacy

Members discussed whether Member Divine's candidacy for a post on the Board of Commissioners required him to resign from the CCBoE during the election period. Attorney Beggs reported that this was a case of first impression because there was no express statement in the CCBoE rules regarding whether a CCBoE member must resign while campaigning for a Board of Commissioners post. Members disagreed as to whether a member should resign during the election period, but all agreed that members could not remain on the CCBoE once elected to public office.

Due to the proximity of the primary elections, the CCBoE decided to leave the issue in abeyance until after the primary elections and, if Member Divine won in the primary, make a determination on the issue at the CCBoE third quarterly meeting.

New Business

Chair Roberts announced his plan to offer a presentation about the CCBoE to the new commissioners and commission chair after the fall election to inform them about the CCBoE and explain its function. Members indicated their support.

Next Meeting: The 3rd Quarterly Meeting of 2018 will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cherokee County Conference Center at The Bluffs.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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